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FROM: Donald L. Wolfe  
Director of Public Works

### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING-SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

On September 25, 2006, my staff attended the regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and adopted minutes of the August 28, 2006, regular Board meeting are attached. The following items were discussed at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

**Agenda Item VII-** The Board adopted staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with URS Corporation for additional design services during construction of the East End Avenue Grade Separation project, for an additional amount of \$87,322. The amendment also extends the completion date of the project to April 2008.

**Agenda Item VIII-** The Board adopted staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with HNTB Corporation for additional design services during construction of the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation project, for an additional amount of \$267,515.

**Agenda Item IX-** The Board adopted staff's recommendation to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to purchase \$25,000,000 of excess liability insurance for one year for an amount not to exceed \$370,000.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 23, 2006, at 2 p.m., at the Irwindale City Hall Council Chambers.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
Executive Office



# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 25, 2006– 2:00 P.M.

Irwindale City Hall – Council Chambers

5050 Irwindale Avenue

Irwindale, CA 91706

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Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

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| I.    | Roll Call and Introductions   |                 |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance  |                 |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes of Meeting of August 28, 2006 (Pages 1-3)   | Action          |
| IV.   | Public Comment  |                 |
| V.    | Chairman's Remarks  | Information     |
| VI.   | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-17)   | Information     |
| VII.  | Approval of Contract Amendment for Design Services for the East End Grade Separation Project with URS (Pages 18-19)   | Action          |
| VIII. | Approval of Contract Amendment for Design Services for Construction for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project with HNTB (Pages 20-21)                                    | Action          |
| IX.   | Approval of Purchase of Excess Liability Insurance (Pages 22-23)  | Action          |
| X.    | Closed Session: The Board will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to discuss existing litigation with legal counsel – two cases: |                 |
|       | • ACE Construction Authority vs. Elaine Hartlieb, et al<br>Case No. BC 340146   | Possible Action |
|       | • ACE Construction Authority vs. Shea Homes Limited Partnership<br>Case No. BC 338892   | Possible Action |
| XII.  | Adjournment   | Action          |

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The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex-officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.



**ACE Construction Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
August 28, 2006  
Minutes**

The Chair called the meeting to order at the Irwindale City Hall at 2:00 PM.

**1. In attendance were:**

Ernest Gutierrez, Chair, El Monte  
George Hunter, Pomona  
Phil Marcellin, Industry  
Bob Bagwell, Montebello  
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel  
Carol Herrera, Diamond Bar, SGVCOG

**Staff**

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer  
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Bruce Armistead, staff  
Lou Cluster, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff  
Girish Roy, staff  
Deanna Stanley, staff

**Guests**

David Varnam, Congressman Gary Miller's office

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Member Hunter led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes of July, 2006**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of July 28, 2006.

M/S/C: Hunter/Marcellin/Unanimous

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Gutierrez invited the Board to a September 14 press conference in San Gabriel to discuss the impacts of Propositions 1A and 1B. The press conference is being hosted by the Coalition for Clear Roads and Clean Air and staff would provide details accordingly.

**6. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Richmond referenced material distributed with updates on State

transportation bonds - Prop 1A (legislation which would disallow gas tax revenues from being rolled into the State's general fund) and 1B (to ensure gas tax is used for transportation purposes). He also summarized the status of SB 297 (formerly SB 760 (Lowenthal) regarding a \$30 container fee imposed on incoming and outgoing containers which would be used for air quality, security and transportation improvement projects. He reported that grade separations qualify as eligible projects. He reviewed SB 459 (Romero) that would allow the South Coast Air Quality Management District to adopt acceptable standards for locomotive emissions and impose unspecified fees on railroad companies. He indicated public hearings would need to be conducted. Lou Cluster, Senior Project Manager reviewed progress photos of the Ramona Blvd. grade separation project. Girish Roy reviewed the progress of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project. George Nomura, Bechtel Program Manager, reviewed the program management activities for the past month. There were no questions.

#### **7. Approval of the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Construction Contract**

Girish Roy reviewed the scope of work and project area of the Sunset Avenue grade separation which includes: construction of a UPRR double track overpass bridge at Sunset Ave. and Valley Blvd, an overpass railroad bridge and roadway improvements at Orange Avenue. He indicated five of the six the bids received on July 20 were below those received at the original procurement, which was the justification for a re-bidding the project. Mr. Roy indicated Atkinson Construction's bid package was deemed responsive and, with the Board's approval, a limited notice to proceed to be issued in October. He reported it was anticipated project completion would take approximately 2 ½ years. Member Eaton indicated Atkinson Construction was working on a project in San Bernardino and has performed well.

A motion was made to authorize the award of a contract to Atkinson Contractors, LP for the construction of the Sunset Avenue grade separation project in an amount no to exceed \$41,938,421.50  
M/S/C: Herrera/Marcellin/Unanimous

#### **8. Approval of San Gabriel Valley of Governments Council of Government Bylaw Amendments**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the ongoing interest of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to better define roles, responsibilities and exposure as they pertain to the ACE Project. He indicated the staff report highlighted the changes proposed and that staff agreed with the COG's recommendation. Member Herrera, COG President, indicated the proposed bylaw amendments were a result of the Board's attempt to better clarify the responsibility of each Board as

well as to better incorporate the joint powers authority agreement with the bylaws. She indicated this process began to provide a better understanding to new members. Discussion ensued but no action was taken.

#### **9. State Eminent Domain Ballot Measure**

Mr. Richmond indicated the November ballot would contain amendments to the California Constitution pertaining to the use of eminent domain – ballot measure Proposition 90. He reviewed at length the key provisions liable to impact the ACE Project as outlined in the staff report - the breadth of coverage, disposition of unused property, jury trial to establish public use, definition of just compensation and effective date. Mr. Richmond indicated that ACE projects have met the public use provision of Proposition 90.

#### **10. Compensation of Chief Executive Officer**

Chairman Gutierrez reviewed Rick Richmond's benefits which include six weeks of paid leave and by prior Board authorization, deferment of a portion of Mr. Richmond's salary into a 457 account. Chairman Gutierrez also indicated that contrary to his original contract, until recently Mr. Richmond has paid the employee portion of health benefits. Mr. Richmond now participates in a high deductible health savings account. Discussion ensued regarding a fair reasonable salary adjustment.

A motion was made to increase the salary of the Chief Executive Officer by 4.5% retroactive to his anniversary date.

M/S/C: Herrera/Gutierrez/Unanimous

#### **11. Closed Session**

Mr. Silvey announced the Board would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss real property negotiations for 11126 Ramona Blvd in the City of El Monte.

The Board reconvened from closed session and Mr. Silvey announced there was no action taken which needed to be reported.

#### **12. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn in the memory of Deanna Stanley's granddaughter Nicole Danielle Alegado at 2:59PM.



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Rick Richmond  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2006

SUBJECT: CEO Report

The following are items of note since the last meeting:

**SB 927 (Lowenthal) Container Fee Legislation** - Since the last meeting, the container fee legislation was approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor for signature. He has until September 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto the legislation. The Chairman has transmitted a letter to the Governor urging his support. The Authority has also sought support letters from other agencies and firms in Southern California. To date, MTA, SGVCOG and Economic Partnership have transmitted support letters. I will provide an oral update at the meeting.

**Proposition 1B Guidelines** - The Authority continues to monitor Caltrans and California Transportation Commission activities related to the development of policies and guidelines for allocating the Prop 1B bond funds should it be approved by the voters in November.

**Community Outreach Update** - Staff has conducted the following project outreach activities:

1. Distribute construction alert notices in English and Spanish regarding roadway grading, compacting and construction of curbs and sidewalks for the Reservoir Street grade separation project;
2. Distribute construction alert notices regarding haul truck route and duration for the Temple Avenue train diversion project;
3. Coordinate distribution of notices and safety kits at schools in vicinity of Brea Canyon Road grade separation project;
4. Conduct ongoing business support program and community outreach activities for the Brea Canyon Road, Reservoir Street/East End Avenue, Ramona Boulevard and Temple Avenue projects.

**Contracting** - Our Administrative Code delegates to the CEO the authority to approve new contracts or change orders for Board-approved contracts within certain limits, with a requirement that I report to the Board any such contract action. Below is a list of

such contract actions since the last report that have not been separately approved by the Board.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>Previous Value</u>	<u>Change Amount</u>
Automated Switching and Controls, Inc.	Increased funding for additional support of IRRIS	\$20,000	\$15,000

**Construction Progress Reports** – Attached are construction progress reports on East End Ave., Reservoir St., Ramona Ave. and Temple Ave. projects.

**Program Management Monthly Report** - The Bechtel/Korve program management support activities for the last month is attached.

**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST  
PROJECT STATUS REPORT  
RAMONA BLVD. GRADE SEPARATION**



For the Month: **August 2006**

Scope:	Construct a grade separation at Ramona Blvd. in the City of El Monte
Contractor:	Brutoco Engineering & Construction, Inc.
Construction Manager:	Lim & Nascimento Engineering (LAN)
Contract Award:	September 27, 2004
Notice to Proceed:	December 15, 2004
Estimated Contract Completion:	February 5, 2008

<b>Project Milestone Summary</b>	<b>Estimated Start</b>	<b>Estimated Completion</b>	<b>% Complete</b>
Install Storm Drain System	May 2005	October 2007	66%
Install Water Line	September 2005	October 2007	21%
Prepare Shoofly	July 2005	November 2006	75%
Construct UPRR bridge foundations	September 2006	October 2006	
Construct UPRR bridge superstructure	May 2005	June 2007	54%
Construct Future UPRR bridge foundations	May 2007	August 2007	
Construct Metrolink bridge foundations	August 2006	October 2006	
Construct Metrolink bridge superstructure	September 2005	May 2007	48%
Build Pump Station	December 2005	May 2007	38%
Construct Retaining Walls	August 2005	November 2007	20%
Ramona Blvd. Civil Work	April 2005	January 2008	44%
Open to public		January 2008	
Complete Landscaping/Irrigation	February 2007	February 2008	

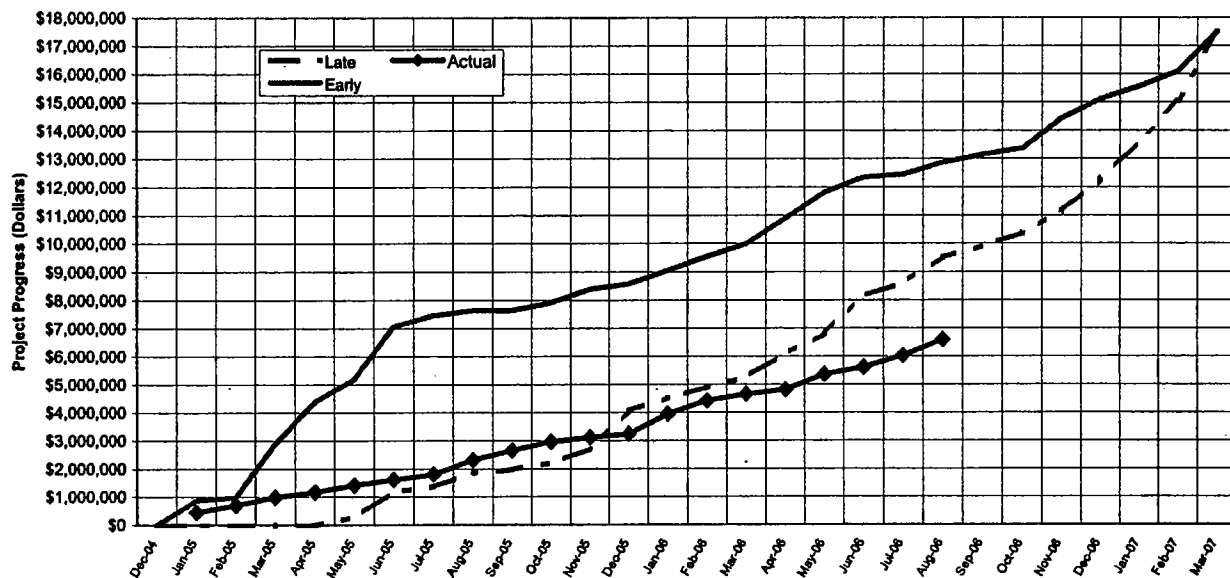
<b>Financial Summary</b>	
Original Contract Value	\$ 17,721,474.85
C.O.s Approved This Month	\$ 0.00
C.O.s Approved to Date	\$ 1,404,679.82
Current Contract Value	\$ 19,126,154.67
Total Earned to Date	\$6,601,793.10

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST  
PHYSICAL PROGRESS MEASUREMENT  
RAMONA BLVD. GRADE SEPARATION

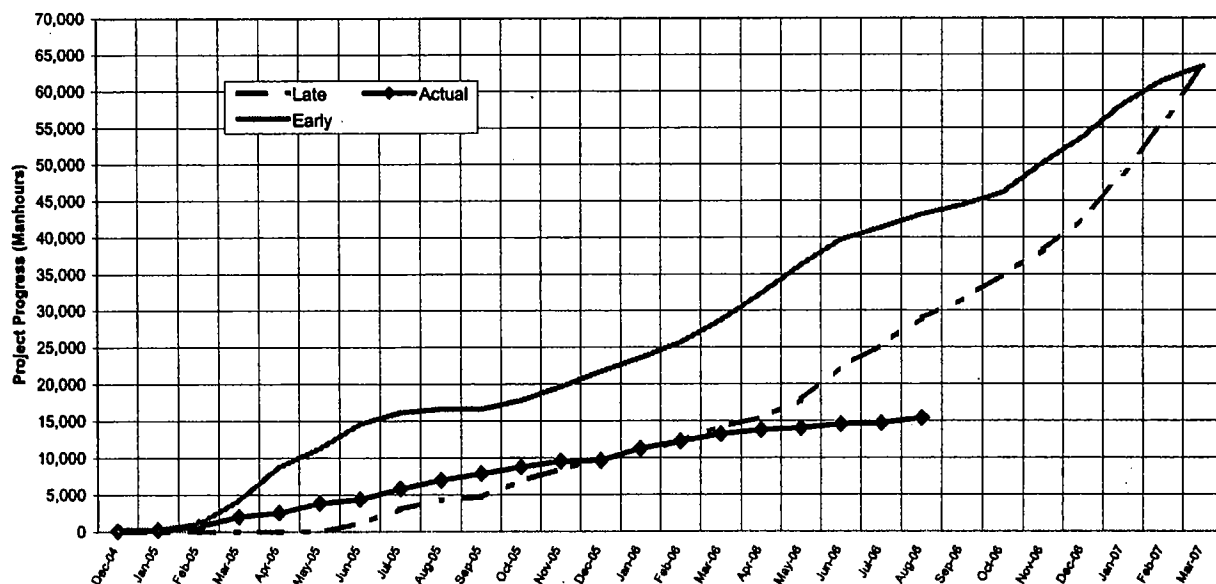


For the Month : August 2006

Ramona Blvd. Construction  
Total Project Progress  
(Based On Earned Revenue and Accepted Baseline)



Ramona Blvd. Construction  
Total Project Progress  
(Based On Earned Manhours and Accepted Baseline)



## RAMONA BOULEVARD GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

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Shoring Installation West of the Shoofly

STAGE 2 ABANDONMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE LINES WAS COMPLETED ON AUGUST 18, 2006.

EXCAVATION AND SHORING WEST OF THE SHOOFLY TO A DEPTH OF 12 FEET COMMENCED JULY 31, 2006 AND IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.

STAGE 3 RETAINING WALLS 3 & 4 DRAINAGE AND BACKFILLING OPERATIONS FROM STA 306+35 TO 309+84 WAS COMPLETED AUGUST 31, 2006.

PUMP STATION EXCAVATION AND SHORING CONTINUES AND IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.

CONTRACTOR        **BRUTO CO CONSTRUCTION**

CONTRACT AWARD    **DECEMBER 2004**  
COMPLETION        **FEBRUARY 2008**

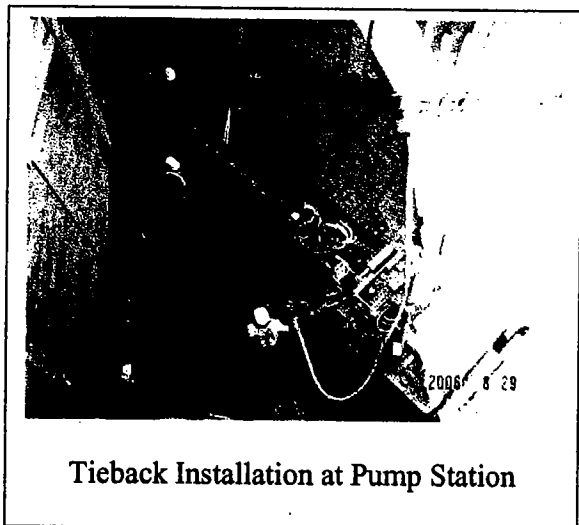
ORIGINAL CONTRACT   **\$ 17,721,475**  
CHANGE ORDERS        **\$ 1,404,680**  
TOTAL CONTRACT       **\$ 19,126,155**

EARNED TO DATE       **\$ 6,601,793**

### CURRENT STAGE OF WORK

**STAGE 2 EXCAVATE AND LAGGING WEST  
OF SHOOFLY TO 12' DEPTH**

**STAGE 3 PUMP STATION EXCAVATION AND  
SHORING**



Tieback Installation at Pump Station



**IAN** ENGINEERING  
CORPORATION  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**AUGUST 2006**

**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST**  
**PROJECT STATUS REPORT**  
**TEMPLE AVENUE TRAIN DIVERSION PROJECT**

For the Month: **August, 2006**

Scope:	For 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mainline Construct 3 new railroad bridges and 1 new traffic bridge; widen 3 existing railroad bridges; grade for new track bed and modifications of existing track beds; construct sound walls, retaining walls, and pier protection walls; install utilities or modify existing utilities; rehabilitate existing LDC well; and, construct new Audiology Clinic for Lanterman Developmental Center. For 4 <sup>th</sup> Mainline Construct 1 new traffic bridge; grade for new track bed; retaining walls, and pier protection walls; and modify existing utilities;
Contractor:	Yeager Skanska, Inc.
Construction Manager:	Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc. (PBCS)
Contract Award:	January, 2005
Notice to Proceed:	May 2, 2005
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK CN 10 NTP</b>	<b>August 29, 2007</b>
Anticipated Completion:	August 29, 2007

<b>Reservoir Schedule Summary</b>	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	% Complete
<b>SPADRA FARM EMBANKMENT &amp; BRIDGES</b>	May, 2005	April, 2006	97%
<b>LA SUBDIVISION EMBANKMENT</b>	October, 2005	March, 2006	80%
<b>LA SUBDIVISION STRUCTURES</b>	October, 2005	August 2007	20%
<b>LANTERMAN AUDIOLOGY LAB</b>	May, 2005	August, 2006	98%
<b>ALHAMBRA SUB PASSING SIDING</b>	May, 2005	<b>DELETED*</b>	10%
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK CN 10 STRUCTURES</b>	August, 2006	August 2007	0%
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK CN 10 EMBANKMENT</b>	August, 2006	August 2007	15%

<b>Financial Summary</b>			
Original Contract Value	\$24,389,743		
C.O.s Approved This Month	\$ 2,3224		
C.O.s Approved to Date	\$ 5,424,380		
Current Contract Value	\$29,814,123		
Invoiced to Date (% of revised contract)	\$20,273,963		68%

# TEMPLE AVENUE TRAIN DIVERSION PROJECT

CONTRACTOR	YEAGER-SKANSKA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>START 4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK EMBANKMENT</li> <li>PUNCHLIST SOUND WALLS</li> <li>AUDIOLOGY LAB NO WORK RESOLVED COST REQUESTS.</li> <li>OBTAIN UP APPROVAL OF REDESIGN BRIDGE 29.38.</li> </ul>
CONTRACT AWARD	JANUARY 2005	
LIMITED NTP	MARCH 2005	
NTP	MAY, 2, 2005	
COMPLETION	MAY 2, 2007	
REVISED COMPLETION	AUGUST 29, 2007	
ORIGINAL CONTRACT VALUE	\$24,389,743	
CHANGE ORDERS THIS MONTH	\$23,224	
AMENDED CONTRACT VALUE	\$29,814,123	
EARNED TO DATE	\$20,273,963	

## UPCOMING WORK NEXT MONTH

- COMPLETE RETAIN WALL #1 CONCRETE DRAIN DITCH
- COMPLETE PIER PROTECTION SR-57
- CONTINUE PIER PROTECTION TEMPLE AVE
- START TEMPLE PIER PROTECTION & RETAIN WALL
- COMPLETE CULVERT AT HUMANE WAY.
- CONTINUE 4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK EMBANKMENT
- START BRIDGE 28.22 SHORING.

## PROGRESS SUMMARY

• SPADRA FARM EMBANKMENT & BRIDGES	97%
• LA SUBDIVISION EMBANKMENT	80%
• LA SUBDIVISION STRUCTURES	20%
• LANTERMAN AUDIOLOGY LAB	98%
• ALHAMBRA SUB PASSING SIDING (10%)	DELETING
• 4 <sup>TH</sup> TRACK CN 10 STRUCTURES	0%
• 4 <sup>TH</sup> TRACK CN 10 EMBANKMENT	15%

## SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES:

### SAFETY:

- TIME LOST INJURY STATUS NONE REPORTED
- INCIDENTS THIS MONTH NONE REPORTED

SECURITY: LDC ASKED THAT GATES REMAIN CLOSED

INITIAL EVENT REPORTS:  
NOTHING TO REPORT

## WORK ACCOMPLISHED THIS MONTH

- CONTINUE CONCRETE DRAIN DITCH AT RETAIN WALL 1
- CONTINUE SR-57 PIER PROTECTION & RETAIN WALL.
- CONTINUE STORM DRAIN CULVERT UNDER SR 71
- CONTINUE CULVERT 29.59 EXTENSION (HUMANE)
- START PIER PROTECTION WALLS TEMPLE AVE BRIDGE



Pier Protection at Temple Ave Bridge

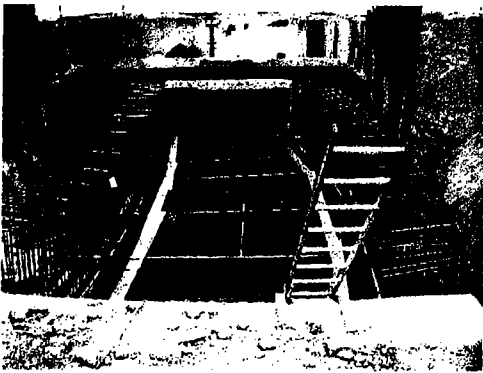


Pour Box Culvert at SR-71



# TEMPLE AVENUE TRAIN DIVERSION PROJECT

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**Extending Box Culvert Located West of Humane Way**

**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST  
PROJECT STATUS REPORT  
EAST END/ RESERVOIR GRADE SEPARATIONS**

For the Month: **August, 2006**

Scope:	Construct two railroad and two roadway bridges to grade separate the East End and Reservoir roadways from the railroad.
Contractor:	Ortiz Enterprises, Inc.
Construction Manager:	Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services, Inc. (PBCS)
Contract Award:	March, 2004
Notice to Proceed:	June, 2004
Estimated Completion:	Reservoir – December 2006 East End – April, 2008

<b>Reservoir Schedule Summary</b>	Estimated Start	Estimated Completion	% Complete
Reservoir utility	June 2004	July 2006	99%
Close Reservoir/construct shoofly grade	September 2004	September 2004	100%
UPRR shoofly construction	September 2004	January 2005	100%
Railroad bridge construction	February 2005	February 2006	100%
lower streets/construct retaining walls	August 2005	December 2006	65%
1 <sup>st</sup> Street bridge construction	March 2006	October 2006	75%
Open 1 <sup>st</sup> Street to traffic	December 2006		
Open Reservoir Street to traffic	December 2006		
<b>East End Schedule Summary</b>			
East End utility relocations	June 2005	June 2007	5%
Shoofly construction for East End	September 2005	December 2006	25%
SCE Temporary Relocation	February 2006	January 2007	0%
Verizon Permanent Relocation	April 2006	January 2007	25%

<b>Financial Summary</b>			
Original Contract Value	\$30,208,600		
C.O.s Approved This Month	\$93,731		
C.O.s Approved thru This Month	\$1,512,243		
Current Contract Value	\$31,720,843		
Invoiced to Date (% of revised contract)	\$15,785,196		50%

# EAST END / RESERVOIR GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

CONTRACTOR	ORTIZ
CONTRACT AWARD	MARCH 2004
NTP	JUNE 2004
MILESTONE TO REOPEN RESERVOIR	DECEMBER 2006
ORIGINAL COMPLETION	AUGUST 2007
REVISED COMPLETION	APRIL 2008
ORIGINAL CONTRACT VALUE	\$30,208,600
CHANGE ORDERS THIS MONTH	\$93,731
AMENDED CONTRACT VALUE	\$31,720,843
EARNED TO DATE	\$15,785,196

- VERIZON CONDUIT INSTALLED, RECEIVED AS-BUILTS FOR VERIFICATION
- NO CONTRACTOR WORK.

## UPCOMING WORK NEXT MONTH

- COMPLETE 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET DECK
- COMPLETE 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET WATER LINES
- CONTINUE ROADWAY & LIFT STATION RW' CONSTRUCTION

## PROGRESS SUMMARY

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| • RESERVOIR CONTRACT UTILITY RELOCATIONS:      | 99%  |
| • RESERVOIR RAILROAD BRIDGE:                   | 100% |
| • ROADWAY EXCAVATION                           | 95%  |
| • PRICE STREET RETAIN WALLS:                   | 100% |
| • RESERVOIR & LIFT STATION<br>RETAIN WALLS     | 65%  |
| • 1 <sup>ST</sup> STREET BRIDGE @<br>RESERVOIR | 75%  |

## SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES:

### SAFETY:

- TIME LOST INJURY STATUS NONE
- INCIDENTS THIS MONTH NONE

### SECURITY:

NOTHING TO REPORT

### INITIAL EVENT REPORTS:

CAR HIT K-RAIL ON 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, SEE INCIDENT REPORT

## WORK ACCOMPLISHED THIS MONTH

- CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION RESERVOIR ROADWAY RETAINING WALLS
- CONTINUE LIFT STATION WALLS CONSTRUCTION
- START 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET BRIDGE POUR SOFFIT
- COMPLETED CRUSHING ROADWAY BASE
- STARTED WATER LINES IN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND BRIDGE

## EAST END

- UTILITIES; MET SCE ON TEMPORARY RELOCATION ONTO EAST SIDE



1<sup>ST</sup> STREET BRIDGE DECK FORMS

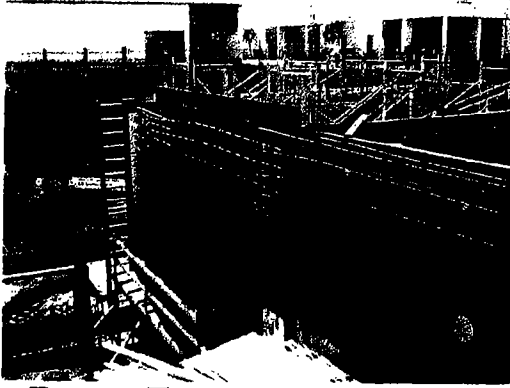


1<sup>ST</sup> STREET BRIDGE WATER LINES



# **EAST END / RESERVOIR GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT**

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**REBAR TOP OF LIFT STATION**

**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**  
**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES**  
**PERIOD ENDING 8/31/06**

This report summarizes activities undertaken between August 1 and August 31, 2006.

**OVERVIEW:**

Work is proceeding on project implementation on several fronts, with an emphasis on:

- IRRIS system - Being monitored and evaluated. Remedial work for EVA train detection sensors and system to conform to specifications is in process. Testing of three remedial sites is being evaluated.
- Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project – Continuing right-of-way acquisitions for the project. Continued utility relocation coordination with the agencies. Completed utility relocation for fiber optic lines. The ACE Board approved the award of the contract to Atkinson Contractors, LP on August 28, 2006. Coordination with UPRR for construction sequencing and schedules continued.
- Brea Canyon Road Grade Separation Project – Walnut Valley Water District and the Gas Company completed relocation of their facilities mid August 2006. Griffith Company completed construction of temporary parking for Shea and Hartleib properties, completed sound wall on Shea and Windwood properties and sub-base for the shoofly area. Contractor closed Brea canyon road to southbound traffic and implemented detour plan on August 19, 2006. The northbound traffic is open using one lane. Washington street and Shea property access is open to traffic. Griffith Co. started excavation of Westside of Brea Canyon road and Currier road, relocations of SCE transmission and distribution lines, sewer and storm lines.
- Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation Project - AT&T/SBC completed relocation of their underground copper and fiber communication lines. Abandonment of existing AT&T lines allowed the contractor to initiate deep excavation for the underpass on the west and south sides of the project and install tie-backs for shoofly track shoring. The contractor also began fabrication of rebar cages for bridge piles.
- East End Ave and Reservoir St. Grade Separation Projects - The railroad is operating on the completed UPRR bridge at Reservoir. Roadway excavation and retaining walls at Reservoir is continuing. Utility work at East End Avenue is in progress. Continued construction of 1<sup>st</sup> Street bridge over Reservoir Street.
- Nogales Street Grade Separation Project - Contract closeout and final quantity change orders are being negotiated. Sale of excess property to a private developer is being negotiated concurrent with municipal planning review of development proposals.
- Temple Ave Train Diversion - Construction completed SR-57 pier protection work and storm drain box culvert at SR-71. Continued with installation soundwalls along Lanterman Development Center. Continued utility encasement work at various locations. The Audiology building construction is nearing completion at the Lanterman Development Center. Design is progressing for the UPRR 4<sup>th</sup> Track construction and negotiations have been completed for the first set of associated changes with Yeager-Skanska. A new construction contract for remaining civil related 4<sup>th</sup> Track work is scheduled for advertisement of bids in the fall of 2006.
- Continued coordination and review of the Ramona, Reservoir, Brea Canyon and Sunset Avenue project construction interface schedules with UPRR.
- Community outreach activities continued for various projects.

**BUDGET/SCHEDULE**

Work is currently proceeding within schedule and budget.

## **COMPLETED AND ONGOING WORK ACTIVITIES**

### **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SCOPE**

#### **I. General Program Management & Administration Service:**

##### **A. Management and Administration**

- Provided direction to PM team for accomplishment of tasks.
- Maintained progress on tasks.
- Submitted monthly invoice.
- Prepared various cost and budget reports.
- Updated detailed project schedule.

##### **B. Procurement**

- Continued review and processing of active contract changes and documentation for the Temple Train Diversion, Reservoir St., Ramona Blvd and Nogales grade separation projects.
- The Sunset Avenue Project construction bids were evaluated and contract awarded in August 2006.
- Continued preparation of bid documents for the Temple 4<sup>th</sup> Track project.

##### **C. Quality Control Program/Value Engineering**

- No activities

##### **D. Utility Program Management**

- Ongoing planning and coordination with major utility companies.
- Continued utility relocations for the Brea Canyon Grade Separation Project.
- Continued with relocation of utilities for the Sunset Avenue Project.
- Continued with relocation of utilities for the East End/Reservoir Project.

##### **E. Environmental Program**

- Continued Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Programs.
- IS/EA draft report for San Gabriel Rail lowering project completed. Currently being edited based on Caltrans/FHWA comments.

##### **F. Permitting Support**

- Obtaining permits from regulatory agencies continues. A Public Utilities Commission petition regarding the Sunset project is under review by CPUC staff.

##### **G. Public Outreach**

- Distribute construction alert notices in English and Spanish regarding roadway grading, compacting and construction of curbs and sidewalks for the Reservoir Street grade separation project.
- Distribute construction alert notices regarding haul truck route and duration for the Temple Avenue train diversion project.
- Coordinate distribution of notices and safety kits at schools in vicinity of Brea Canyon Road grade separation project.
- Conduct ongoing business support program and community outreach activities for the Brea Canyon Road, Reservoir Street/East End Avenue, Ramona Boulevard and Temple Avenue projects.

## **II. Project Management Services**

- Ongoing project coordination with involved agencies/jurisdictions/UPRR.
- Providing technical direction to B-K sub consultants.

### **TECHNICAL SCOPE**

#### **Right-of-Way Program and Technical Services**

- Negotiations ongoing on one (1) Reservoir Street property, one (1) Temple Avenue train property and one (1) Ramona Boulevard property. Acquisition completed for two (2) Ramona Blvd. properties.
- Processing relocation assistance for two (2) businesses located at the Ramona Boulevard Grade Separation Project.
- Continued property management of one (1) East End Avenue property, six (6) Nogales Street properties, eleven (11) Reservoir Street properties and four (4) Ramona Boulevard properties.
- Offers to purchase packages for Brea Canyon Road and Sunset Ave. projects completed. Negotiations ongoing for all parcels.
- Provided support in obtaining easement rights needed for utility relocation on Nogales Street, Reservoir Street, East End Avenue and Ramona Boulevard projects. Resolution of Necessity for two (2) Sunset Ave. properties and four (4) Brea Canyon properties approved August 22, 2005. Litigation support ongoing.
- Processing the sale of one (1) Nogales Street surplus property.
- Evaluated the potential inconvenience during construction activities to residents adjacent to Brea Canyon Road project.
- Responded to property owner inquiries regarding the ACE Project at Ramona Boulevard, East End Avenue, Nogales Street, Reservoir Street, Temple Avenue Train Diversion, Brea Canyon Road, and Sunset Avenue.
- Continued liaison with Caltrans Local Programs personnel.

#### **Railroad and Shoo-fly Design**

- Continued coordination with UPRR for the Brea Canyon and Sunset Avenue projects.

#### **Surveying and Mapping Program**

- Currently working the Plats and Legal descriptions for the required property at Ramona Grade Separation Project.
- Developing Plat Maps and legal descriptions for the required properties at Brea Canyon and Sunset Avenue project files.

### **NEXT PERIOD**

Continue development of all scheduled activities.



## Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Rick Richmond  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Amendment for Additional Design Services  
for East End Avenue Grade Separation Contract with URS Corporation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with URS Corporation to increase the contract amount by \$87,322 for additional design services during construction for a new contract value of \$2,726,310, and extend the completion date of the contract to April 2008 to coincide with the construction contract duration.

**BACKGROUND:** At your June, 2000 meeting, you approved a contract with URS to design the East End Avenue grade separation in the City of Pomona. In addition, in June 2002, you approved the plans, specifications and estimates for the project. The current executed contract value is \$2,638,988.

A single construction contract for both the East End Avenue and the Reservoir Street grade separations was approved by the Board in March, 2003. The construction project was sequenced so that Reservoir Street grade separation would be completed first, then work would begin on the East End Avenue grade separation.

Recently, the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) has requested that ACE make changes previously agreed to plans. They include the realignment of the access road to the complex, the location of a storm sewer line, and miscellaneous minor changes. Staff believes that the net cost of the construction changes will be minimal, but in order to verify this, the specific changes need to be incorporated into our design plans and a change order negotiated with our contractor, Ortiz Enterprises.

The start of East End construction is scheduled for early 2007, which allows time for the realignment design to be completed and a change order negotiated with the construction contractor.

To avoid delaying the start of construction of the East End Avenue grade separation, the above design changes have begun using contract funding budgeted for the designer's participation in the project during construction and therefore the contract funding needs to be replenished. URS Corporation is the designer of record for the East

End Avenue grade separation project and we need them to be available to review and respond to questions that may arise during construction of this project.

**East End Avenue Grade Separation**

<b>Board Action</b>	<b>Authorization</b>	<b>Executed Amount</b>
Contract Award	\$1,960,000	\$1,959,888
Amendment 1	\$187,500	\$187,500
Amendment 3	\$300,000	\$241,600
Amendment 5	\$250,000	\$250,000
This Request	\$87,322	\$87,322
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,784,822</b>	<b>\$2,726,310</b>

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Funds for this contract are available from grant funds (Federal, State and Local funds).



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Rick Richmond  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Amendment for Design Services for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Project with HNTB Corporation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the Sunset Avenue grade separation design contract with HNTB Corporation to increase the contract amount by \$267,515 to a new contract value of \$4,564,515 to add funding for engineering services during construction.

**BACKGROUND:** At the February 2005 meeting, you approved an amendment to the HNTB Corporation contract (HNTB) in the amount of \$235,000 for design support during bidding and construction. At that time there was a savings in the design budget that was reallocated to the design support during bidding and construction task, resulting in a total budget of \$420,000. The project was advertised in November 2005. Bids were opened in January 2006, and the Board approved rejection of all bids at its February 2006 meeting. Subsequently, the Board authorized \$162,000 for additional design services for the re-design activities associated with the rebid of the project. The project was readvertised in May 2006. Bids were opened in July 2006, and the Board awarded the construction contract at the August 2006 meeting.

The scope of work for design support during bidding and construction includes tasks associated with the bidding process, such as attending the pre-bid meeting, responding to bidder questions, and preparation of addenda. Because this project went through the bidding process twice, HNTB's costs for these services were higher than estimated.

In addition, the scope of work for design support during bidding and construction included tasks for design modifications and special studies. After HNTB submitted its final design package for the second bid, third party agencies requested various changes to the final design. These changes included:

- Responding to UPRR comments on the final design submittal:
  - Modifications to bridge structures at Sunset Avenue and Orange Avenue, and to track drainage.
- Responding to Los Angeles County comments provided after the final submittal on roadway and drainage design:

These design changes were more extensive than originally anticipated. This has impacted the budget available to support the project to completion. HNTB's budget, while not fully consumed, needs replenishment so that there will be sufficient funds available for construction support services.

HNTB is the designer of record for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation project, and needs to be available to review and respond to questions that arise during the construction period of this project. Continuing services will include attending field meetings, performing field reviews, responding to requests for information, reviewing shop drawings and submittals for conformance to the contract documents, reviewing non-conformance reports and providing final as-built drawings. All these services will extend through the life of the construction project, approximately 36 months from Notice to Proceed. The proposed budget for design support during construction has been compared to our experience with other active projects and has been found to be reasonable.

The history of the amendments affecting this contract value is as follows:

Board Action	Authorization	Executed Amount
Contract Award	\$ 3,140,000	\$ 3,140,000
Amendment No. 01	\$ 260,000	\$ 225,000
Amendment No. 04	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Amendment No. 06	\$ 270,000	\$ 270,000
Amendment No. 07	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
Amendment No. 08	\$ 162,000	\$ 162,000
This Request	\$ 267,515	\$ 267,515
	\$ 4,599,515	\$ 4,564,515

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Funds for this contract are available from State TCRP funds and local MTA Proposition C Funds. Costs for this project have been included in the project budget.



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MEMO TO: ACE Construction Authority Board Members and Alternates

FROM: Rick Richmond  
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: September 25, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase of Excess Liability Insurance

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to purchase \$25,000,000 of excess liability insurance for one year for an amount not to exceed \$370,000 from the carrier recommended by BICEP and their broker at the conclusion of negotiations.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2001, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to purchase through BICEP \$5,000,000 of excess liability insurance for five years for a total premium of \$700,000, or \$140,000 per year. In September 2002, the Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to purchase through BICEP an additional \$20,000,000 of excess liability insurance coverage for four years for a total premium of \$644,703, or \$161,176 per year. Those policies expire on October 1, 2006.

ACE now has five grade separation construction contracts underway, with the work valued in excess of \$162,000,000. Taking into account the limited financial resources of ACE and the possibility that the tightening of the insurance market now being experienced might continue or worsen, staff believes it is prudent to renew the \$25 million in excess liability coverage.

Two of the three companies that provided coverage under the current policies are no longer offering coverage for construction activities. In addition, the insurance market does not offer the multiyear policies we were able to purchase in 2001 and 2002. Annual policies appear to be the market norm at this time.

BICEP and their broker approached several insurance companies to provide a quote for \$25,000,000 in excess liability coverage for a one year period from October 1, 2006 through October 1, 2007. The proposals that have been received are summarized in the attached status memorandum. Final proposals had not been received as of the date of the agenda mailout. BICEP and their broker are involved in on-going negotiations with the underwriters at IAG (Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania), Endurance American Specialty Company and ACE American Insurance Company or Westchester Fire Insurance Company. Final proposals will be received in time to be evaluated and negotiated prior to the expiration of the current policy.

The responses will be evaluated in terms of the rating of the insurance carrier, any unacceptable policy exclusions, past experience, and cost.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Excess liability and other types of insurance have been budgeted in ACE's FY 2007 budget and their premiums are recovered as indirect expenses and from federal, state and local grants.

Attachment

**ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST  
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY  
EXCESS LIABILITY  
OCTOBER 1, 2006 RENEWAL**

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
<b>CARRIERS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Royal SunAlliance</li><li>• Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (AIG)</li><li>• Gulf Underwriters Ins. Co.</li></ul>	Various carriers with minimum Best's Guide Rating of A-, Excellent, Financial Size Category XII, \$1,250,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000.
<b>LIMITS/ANNUAL PREMIUM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$5,000,000:</li></ul>	\$140,000	\$210,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10,000,000 excess of \$5,000,000:</li></ul>	\$100,000	Included Above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10,000,000 excess of \$15,000,000:</li></ul>	\$61,305	\$160,000
	\$301,305 Total Annual Premium	\$370,000 Total "Not to Exceed" Premium

**NOTES:**

- First \$5,000,000 in limits applies excess of limits carried by contractor.
- Coverage for Phase One only.
- Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (AIG) has offered terms for first \$15,000,000. Indications pending from others including Endurance American Specialty Company and ACE American Insurance Company or Westchester Fire Insurance Company (ACE Insurance Group).
- Everest National Insurance Company indicated \$335,000 for primary \$10,000,000.
- St. Paul/Travelers and Zurich NA declined to provide quotes. Royal SunAlliance and Gulf Underwriters are no longer writing this type of risk.
- Indication shown is a "not to exceed" amount. We hope to improve upon these numbers.